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American Canoe Association Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Location: Virtual

Board Members Present: Robin Pope, Scott Mann, C.C. Williams, Adam Joseph, and Lili Colby

1. Call to Order

Mr. Pope called the meeting to order at 8:12 PM ET.

Mr. Williams called roll and noted that a quorum was not present.

2. Board President Report: Robin Pope

Due to lack of quorum, Mr. Pope gave an abbreviated presentation on several topics. Directors briefly discussed the pros and cons associated with recording and publishing the monthly Board of Directors meetings. All Directors agreed that increased transparency was important. There was general agreement to seek legal advice on this issue.

Mr. Pope reviewed several issues with the ACA Bylaws that have recently been raised by ACA Members. Directors briefly discussed updating the ACA Bylaws sections pertaining to nominations of At-Large Directors and Independent Directors. Directors also briefly discussed the current drafts of the ACA Bylaws that are under consideration.

Mr. Pope provided a general overview of the SEIC meeting on Saturday, October 30, 2021 noting the motions that passed those that were tabled for future meetings. Mr. Pope reported that John Traendly, developer of the Course Management System used by ACA instructors, announced that CMS will be turned over to ACA on January 1, 2021. He expressed his thanks for this generosity and for Mr. Traendly's public commitment to donate CMS to the ACA – CMS brought ACA's record keeping into the 21st century.

Directors discussed the recent resignations of the SEIC Executive Committee. Mr. Pope expressed his apologies for his management of the Board of Directors meeting on October 20. He also expressed his gratitude for the service of the SEIC Executive Committee. Several candidates have been contacted about filling these open SEIC positions.



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Directors reviewed a proposal to schedule a special ACA Member meeting to hold the vote on revising the ACA Bylaws, answering the National Governing Body retain or relinquish question, in April 2022. This change was proposed in order to respond to the concerns of ACA Members that the ACA Bylaws be followed and a 6-month notice be given before the ACA Membership meeting. Directors requested that a full calendar of meetings related to the ACA National Governing Body/Bylaws issue be presented to the ACA Members at the membership meeting in December 2021.

All Directors agreed that issuing a statement in response to the SEIC resignations should be a priority. Mr. Pope agreed to draft a statement and distribute it to Directors for comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

C.C. Williams
Board Secretary